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Weekend Forecast

Today	Saturday	Sunday
High 83, Low 54 Partly cloudy	High 79, Low 52 Partly cloudy	High 77, Low 50 Partly cloudy



Photograph by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

Honor Guard

Staff Sgt. Jamieson Ross (left) and Staff Sgt. John Houge (right) perform drill techniques while Senior Airman Aleksandr Ilin stands at attention at the Veterans Memorial in Pensacola Monday. See Page 10

Air Commandos invade Nevada

by 1st Lt. Justin McVay
99th Air Base Wing
Public Affairs

NELLIS AFB, Nev. – The 3rd Special Operations Squadron was reactivated at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., during a ceremony Oct. 28.

Although the 3rd SOS is located in Nevada it still falls under the 16th Special Operations Wing.

The unit, which has been inactive since 1991, will fly the MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle, a medium-altitude, long-endurance, remotely piloted aircraft.

The 3rd SOS will initially be located on Nellis, but eventually be moved to Creech AFB, about 40 miles to the northwest, in a continuing effort to consolidate predator operations.

"Standing up the 3rd SOS at Nellis and Creech serves numerous purposes, but two stand out as primary," said Lt.



Courtesy photograph

A MQ-1 Predator unmanned aerial vehicle.

Col. Gary McCollum, 3rd SOS commander. "First, locating the 3rd SOS at Creech eases the heavy personnel tempo burden carried by other squadrons.

"Secondly, the squadron will provide a way for Air Force Special Operations Command personnel to gain valuable predator experience," he said.

The 3rd SOS will operate in support of AFSOC taskings, deploying aircraft, ground control stations, personnel and all other necessary

support to special operations forces.

"The 3rd Special Operations Squadron will take advantage of the outstanding work of employing unmanned aerial systems already accomplished by Air Combat Command," said Col. Mark Alsied, 16th Operations Group commander.

"Then, they will tailor the current employment of the predator via specialized tactics, techniques and procedures to improve support of special operations forces in their accomplishment of national objectives," he said.

Colonel Alsied said this activation will establish the habitual relationships and provide the persistent overhead coverage that has become vital to successful special operations.

There are approximately 30 active-duty Airmen assigned to the unit. It's projected to gain both Guard and

Reserve positions within the next few years, growing to more than 400 people within two years.

The unit is working in conjunction with other units until it acquires its own predator aircraft and ground control stations in 2006.

Successful establishment of unmanned aerial systems operations is currently an AFSOC priority, Colonel Alsied said.

The vision is for the 3rd SOS is to live up to the 16th SOW's "Any Time, Any Place" motto, he said.

The history of the 3rd SOS is significant.

In 1969, then Senior Airman John Levitow was assigned to the 3rd SOS when he earned his Medal of Honor as a loadmaster on an AC-47 Gunship in Vietnam.

He was the only enlisted Airman to receive the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War.

Home of America's Air Commandos

Trust must be built

by Lt. Col. Paul Wheelless
16th EMS

It has been almost three months since Col. Norman Brozenick Jr., 16th Special Operations Wing commander, unveiled a straight-forward vision for America's only active-duty special operations wing in the form of three Aimpoint objectives.

The second Aimpoint "take best care of our wingmen, families and resources" seemed a particularly appropriate objective given the tempo, stress and demands of the special operations mission, but the particular words he chose caused me to pause and reflect on their meaning.

What did he mean by them, and what was required to achieve the objective?

First, I think he used the word "best," as it's the superlative of "good," meaning surpassing all others in excellence. Taking good care of our wingmen, families and resources

is admirable, but good isn't good enough for "no-fail people with a no-fail mission."

Next, the word "care" is important to understand. Care means watchful or protective attention, concern or regard. The judge advocates might point out the legal term "due care," when a person has a duty to use care in dealing with others, and failure to do so is negligence.

The second Aimpoint is therefore a duty and moral obligation. The way ahead for meeting the standard of "best care" is building trust. In special operations, we're a team, and the stakes are life and death on a daily basis.

Our teammates or wingmen commit daily acts of faith based on trust. Our aircrews accept the airworthiness of our aircraft to fly, in trusting that the technician who signed off a safety of flight discrepancy did so professionally. The special tactics men jump from those aircraft trusting that the survival equipment spe-

cialist rigged the parachute perfectly.

All of us and our families take potentially dangerous medicines from the medical professionals trusting that the diagnosis is good, and the pharmacy dispensed the right medications.

Trust, however, is something that must be built and sustained. If you fail to take best care when conducting your duties, it undermines trust in the entire team. It weakens the bonds which are required to do America's most difficult military tasks.

Gen. Peter Schoomaker, chief of staff of the Army, used to keep a photograph of the Desert One crash site with the caption "don't confuse enthusiasm with capability."

Those images of a failed mission still resonate in the special operations community. The collective professionalism of the Air Commandos is required daily to build and maintain trust in us.

Our charge is to sustain the faith and trust of those who depend on us, be it taxpayers, families or wingmen, to do our duty "Any Time, Any Place."

Domestic violence also affects children

by Jessica Armstead
82nd TRW military spouse

SHEPPARD AIR

FORCE BASE, Texas — Many parents believe they can hide domestic violence from their children, according to the Family Violence Prevention Fund.

Research, however, suggests that between 80 to 90 percent of these children are aware of the violence.

Even if children don't

see the violence, they can still hear the screams and see the bruises, broken bones and abrasions.

There are many myths about how domestic violence affects children.

I recently heard someone say, "Children aren't affected because they do so well in school."

In my own personal experience, I always had a 3.5 to 3.7 grade point average, and I never studied,

mainly because I couldn't concentrate at home. My grades never faltered, simply because school was "my safe place."

There, I was always around adults who didn't scream and fight.

Children tend to thrive in places they're happiest.

I always felt safe, so of course I did well in school. I was comfortable there.

I could forget everything that happened at home,

until I faced going home again.

Another myth I've heard is, "He's a good provider and wouldn't hurt the children," or "She loves her children and would never do anything to hurt them."

When mom and dad are fighting, children usually stay out of the way,

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Air Commando Salute

Staff Sgt.

Organization: 16th Operations Support Squadron

Duty Title: Air traffic control tower watch supervisor

Hometown: Niceville

Hobbies: Spending time with family, motorcycling and doing home improvements

Mission Contributions: Sergeant Hill's supervisory actions were key during the expeditious withdrawal of \$600 million worth of Air Force combat assets ahead of Hurricane Dennis making

landfall. In addition, he coordinated the timely shut-down of base navigational aids and secured \$2 million worth of air traffic control equipment for the advancing storm.

Once cleared from protective shelter, Sergeant Hill flawlessly executed facility-opening procedures and completed a 100-percent equipment operations check — establishing ATC service within 45 minutes.

(For information, call 884-7464.)



Photograph by Jamie Haig

16th SOW Aimpoints

- Fight and win
- Take best care of our wingmen, families and resources
- Become the next generation of Air Force and Air Commando leaders

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DUI Tracker

Oct. 28 — Nov. 3: 0 DUIs

This year: 21

DUIs for 2004: 42

Last DUI: 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Oct. 22

Days since last DUI:

16th OG...32
16th MXG...12

16th MSG...125
16th MDG...309

Totals are current as of Nov. 3.

Don't Drink and Drive. Call AADD at 884-8844

Potential saves this year: 556



Waste collection day success

**Amnesty day
disposes of 13,000
pounds of waste**

Courtesy of the 16th CES

"The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, Oct. 28, was one the most successful ever for the base,"

said Randy Trent, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron hazardous waste program manager.

When Jim Reece, Okaloosa County Hazmat Collection Center manager, compiled the final tally, Hurlburt Field had collected more than 13,000 pounds of household hazardous waste.

The 16th CES and Okaloosa County's Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center gave base employees and residents a safe, legal way to dispose of any unwanted and unused household hazardous wastes.

"We couldn't have been more pleased with the show of support," said Mr. Trent. "The one-day, five-hour event turnout was incredible."

Disposal barrels soon filled with disinfectants, cleaners, paints, paint thinners, hobby chemicals, polishes and waxes, insect sprays, fertilizers, used oil, antifreeze, a variety of unwanted products in aerosol cans, televisions, computers, monitors, etc.

This event offered a way for residents to properly dispose of hazardous materials and keep them out of landfills. Some of the collected waste will be recycled, while the remainder will be properly treated and disposed.

Okaloosa County has a continuing Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program to dispose of these items in an environmentally sound manner. Those wishing to turn in household items need to make an appointment by calling 651-7395. With continued support from base personnel and residents, the 16th CES Environmental Flight plans to host hazardous waste collection days semi-annually.



Photograph by Senior Airman Andy Kin

Senior Airman Andrew Wright (left), 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, explains the fundamentals of an AC-130U Gunship to Chief Master Sgt. Howard Mowry, Air Force Special Operations Command command chief, Tuesday.

AFSOC command chief visits Hurlburt, Eglin, Duke Field units

**by Master Sgt. Kevin Owen
16th SOW Public Affairs**

The Air Force Special Operations Command command chief master sergeant visited 16th Special Operations Wing units at Hurlburt Field, Eglin Air Force Base and Duke Field Monday and Tuesday.

Chief Master Sgt. Howard Mowry spent two days meeting with Airmen at all levels through out the wing.

"These visits are crucial to my job as command chief, and they're the best use of my time," said Chief Mowry. "The concerns of the enlisted members will be taken back – not only to the AFSOC commander, but will be addressed during my regular conversations with the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force."

Hot topics included the new Air Force utility uniform, basic allowance for housing, professional military education and the importance of taking care of our wingmen.

Chief Mowry toured a number of support, operational and maintenance facilities at each base. The chief's focus was always on the Airmen he met with at each location.

"The bottom line is my job is to take care of people. People are the most valuable asset we have," he said.



**Chief Master Sgt.
Howard Mowry**



Photograph by Airman 1st Class Ali Flisek

Staff Sgt. Michael Hill (left), 16th Operations Support Squadron, hands a box of household hazardous waste to an Okaloosa County Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center representative Oct. 28.

Wing tightens belt to start FY 2006

Courtesy of the 16th CPTS

Consistent with previous years, the 16th Special Operations Wing started fiscal year 2006 under a Continuing Resolution Authority.

A CRA is a short-term public law to allow the federal government to continue to prudently operate until the annual Appropriation Act(s) are enacted.

Without authority to obligate funds, government agencies must shut down – this is what happened at the beginning of FY 1996.

This year, Congress passed a 49-day CRA allowing agencies (Air Force and U.S. Special Operations

Command) to obligate funds until Nov. 18.

Based on the limitations of the CRA and the allocation of obligation authority from Headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command, the 16th SOW initially received approximately 75 percent of its requested Air Force and USSOCOM funding required to function until Nov. 18.

This level of obligation authority required Col. Norman Brozenick Jr., 16th SOW commander, to limit funding to mission-critical and mission-essential requirements.

Colonel Brozenick deferred requirements that didn't negatively impact the mission, and cut back on non-mission-essential travel and supplies.

"We had to tighten our belts to

limit our spending to remain within the limits of the current CRA," said Maj. Lance Whitfill, 16th Comptroller Squadron commander. "This limitation should be short lived. Once we've a signed Appropriation Act, we should be able to resume normal spending operations."

If Congress doesn't pass an Appropriation Act before the CRA expires, another CRA would most likely be signed.

"The comptroller squadron is closely monitoring the status of the FY 2006 Defense Appropriation Act," Major Whitfill said. "Currently, the House and Senate have passed their respective versions. Once the joint congressional conference meets to iron out the details of the final act, it will be sent to the president for a signature and enactment."



Combined Federal Campaign update

As of Tuesday, Hurlburt Field personnel have raised \$257,900 for the Combined Federal Campaign.

In week three of the campaign, Hurlburt Field received \$56,700 in contributions.

There are two weeks left in the campaign.

Junior Air Commandos enjoy day of fun

by Jamie Haig
16th SOW Public Affairs

More than 200 members of the 720th Special Tactics Group and their children were treated to a day of Halloween tricks and treats Oct. 29 at the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron.

"This is our second year doing this," said Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Hoye, 23rd STS family day coordinator. "We're deployed a lot, so it gives us time with our families, and they can see what we do."

Normally, children aren't allowed in the 23rd STS compound, so this was an opportunity for them to get a close look at the zodiac boats, humvees, all-terrain vehicles and mock rifle-range.

The hallways and offices at the 23rd STS were unrecognizable. Spider webs and glowing ghosts lined the dark hallways. Each office was decorated in a different theme, complete with costume-garbed Airmen to hand out candy to the trick-or-treaters.

Since the children know their parents do physical training as part of their job, we wanted to start out with a jungle run made for them, said Sergeant Hoye.

The junior jungle run began with



Photograph by Jamie Haig

A special tactics Airman convinces a child to rappel down a 45-foot climbing wall during the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron family day Saturday.

obstacles set up throughout the 23rd STS compound. Next was the 'rifle range' - complete with bb-guns and water balloons.

Finally, the children climbed up a

45-foot tower, stopping at each level to do pushups.

"We work in teams, so we put the children in teams of five for the run," Sergeant Hoye said. "It showed them how they needed to work together to get to the goal."

Children as young as 4-years-old rappelled from the top of the tower, while others took turns scaling the 45-foot rock-climbing wall.

"When you climb up the wall, we're holding a rope that's attached to you, so you can never fall" said one Airman as he geared up an 8-year-old girl.

"This teaches the children that they can do almost anything their parents can do," said one Airman who was helping with the rappelling gear. "It also gives them a visual of what we do. That helps when we're deployed."

As the day wound down, the children looked tired, but happy.

"We're a tight family," said Lt. Col. William Sherman, 720th STG deputy commander. "It's nice to have time to spend together."

"This is great," said Col. Kenneth Rodriguez, 720th STG commander. "It's great to be able to do something for the children and for the families and to have some fun."



Photograph by Master Sgt. Rob Trubia

Airman 1st Class Jacques Young, 158th Fighter Wing Propulsion Shop F-16 jet engine mechanic, inspects the turkey feathers on a Pratt & Whitney F100-220E engine at Burlington International Airport on Oct. 26.

Brothers In Arms

Army

IRAQ - Soldiers from Task Force Freedom killed two terrorists and wounded another after being attacked with rocket-propelled grenade and small-arms fire in northern Iraq.

In eastern Mosul, Soldiers from 4th Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment detained four suspected terrorists during a raid and Soldiers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment detained an individual wanted in connection with the death of an Iraqi policeman.

Marines

CAMP FALLUJAH, Iraq - The last time 5th Battalion, 14th Marines, 4th Marine Division, was deployed to a combat zone Franklin Roosevelt was president, and the United States was in a world war against the Japanese in the South Pacific.

Arriving here late September after more than 60 years of readiness, the battalion is back in the fight. Various elements of 5th Bn., 14th Marines, served in support of Operation Desert Storm in the early 1990s, however this marks the first time the whole battalion was deployed to a combat zone since World War II.

Navy

KARACHI, Pakistan - The amphibious dock landing ship *USS Pearl Harbor* (LSD 52) offloaded 16 pieces of heavy machinery Saturday to contribute to the Pakistani led relief effort for the victims of the devastating earthquake that struck the region.

How was your service?

16th MDG survey provides input to leadership

by Capt. Mark Noon
16th MDG

One year ago, the 16th Medical Group implemented a new process for obtaining patient feedback.

Since that time, many have provided valuable input about the quality of medical service received at the 16th MDG clinic.

The Service Delivery Assessment program is an Air Force-approved telephone survey administered to randomly-selected patients, within a day or two after their scheduled visit.

The feedback is then aggregated and provided to clinic leadership on a weekly basis. Patients requesting follow-up on a specific issue are contacted by the clinic.

SDA feedback has sparked several improvements within the medical clinic. Specifically, the

Preventive Health Assessment process was streamlined to increase service and minimize patients' time away from the mission.

In the near future, the PHA program will be taken to the next level of patient service by implementing the electronic PHA which will save patients time and effort. The clinic staff has received positive feedback highlighting outstanding service and caring providers.

These and many other comments have helped the clinic better understand patients' needs and focus on exceeding those needs on a daily basis.

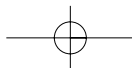
Participation and feedback is encouraged to ensure the clinic continues to meet your expectations.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Robert Kimrey, 16th MDG Patient Advocate, at 582-7296.

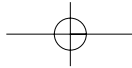
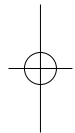
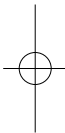


Photograph by Keith Keel

Staff Sgt. Adam Bement (right), Air Rapid Response Kit cadre, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron Readiness Flight discusses the BASE-X expeditionary shelters with an associate from headquarters Air Force Special Operations Command Oct. 28 at the 505th Command and Control Wing.



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at all costs.

When parents fight, children hear the screams and curses.

They hear the common, "He's your son!" or, "She's your daughter!"

When I heard those words through my bedroom wall, it felt as if someone punched me as hard as they could in my chest.

Parents hurt their children every time domestic violence occurs.

So the excuse of, "He or she would never hurt the children" becomes a tragic lie that more often than not children discover firsthand.

Silence only hides violence – speak out against domestic violence.

Illegal right turn means suspended driving privileges

by Col. Paul Harmon
16th SOW vice commander

It has come to the attention of Col. Norman Brozenick Jr., 16th Special Operations Wing commander, and Col. Paul Harmon, 16th SOW vice commander, that there's a serious safety concern with drivers departing the base going west toward Navarre.

Some drivers departing the base after work aren't waiting in line to use the merge lane (far right lane) when traveling west.

These drivers are pulling up to the light at U.S. Highway 98 and Cody Avenue and making a right turn onto Hwy. 98.

This can cause an accident with cars traveling from the Soundside turning onto Hwy. 98 heading west and the cars properly using

the merge lane departing the base.

This also further delays traffic going to the Soundside area.

Effective immediately, drivers won't be allowed to make a right turn from the traffic light at Hwy. 98 and Cody Avenue when departing the base to the west.

Drivers will use the merge lane and safely merge with traffic traveling west bound.

The 16th Security Forces Squadron has been directed to increase its presence during the afternoon rush hour and issue tickets to violators.

Colonel Brozenick considers this a grave safety issue and will suspend base driving privileges of any violators.

Until our civil engineers can get a "No Right Turn" sign posted, ensure widest dissemination of this important safety policy.

**Save lives – donate bone marrow**

A bone marrow registration drive will be at 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in the base exchange/commissary parking lot. Once on the registry, individuals will be contacted if their bone marrow type matches someone in need.

At that time, the individual will have the opportunity to support the cause. If the individual decides to help, his bone marrow is extracted from the hip bone during surgery and injected into the patient.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. David Rodriguez at 884-4142.

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Photograph by Staff Sgt. Mareshah Haynes

Up, up and away

Children jump in the bouncy castle at the Fall Festival Oct. 27 at the Community Park.

AADD: Safeguarding highways against intoxicated drivers

by Master Sgt.
Todd Miller
16th OSS

Airmen Against Drunk Driving volunteers have taken more than 540 intoxicated Airmen to their homes this year alone.

Those intoxicated Airmen were responsible enough to call AADD, instead of putting themselves and others at risk on the highway.

In recent feedback, individuals felt their names were recorded and were somehow identified.

Rest assured AADD organizers don't record names or people using the program.

Airmen aren't asked to identify themselves or their units when being picked up. AADD tracks only the number of weekly and yearly potential saves.

The AADD service is available to any valid military ID cardholders assigned here and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. AADD volunteers take people to their residences within a reasonable local distance.

When someone calls, he will be asked to give a name, a brief description of the clothes he's wearing to identify himself for the AADD driver and the number of people who need a ride.

(AADD doesn't have a bus/van.)

As a reminder, be patient with drivers as it may take some time to pick up people depending on the amount of calls to AADD and the pick-up location.

Too many careers and lives are ended by drunk drivers, so do the smart thing and have a plan before drinking alcoholic beverages.

If and when all else fails, call AADD for a free, confidential ride home.

To volunteer, contact a squadron AADD representative or call Master Sgt. Mayra Casanova, AADD president, at 884-4438.

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Honor Guard: Revering fallen Air Commandos

The Hurlburt Field Honor Guard performs a great duty for the U.S. Air Force – honoring Airmen of the past.

Honor guard Airmen not only attended change-of-command and retirement ceremonies and other Air Force functions, but also bury our deceased.

"It is an honor to get the chance to show our respect to the past heroes of the Air Force," said Airman 1st Class Matt Owen, 16th Communications Squadron and honor guard member.

The honor guard is always looking for sharp, motivated Airmen to join their ranks.

For more information, call 884-5330.



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AC-130U Gunship program explores Viper Strike capability

by Laura McGowan
*Aeronautical Systems
Center Public Affairs*

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON
AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio** — The AC-130U Gunship, managed by the Aeronautical Systems Center's Special Operations Forces Systems Group here, is undergoing an Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration for a standoff precision-guided munition called Viper Strike.

Viper Strike is a small, precision-attack munition with guide/glide fins and a 4-pound High Explosive Anti-Tank, or HEAT, warhead.

It has a man-in-loop control and is capable of destroying mobile targets, such as armored vehicles, from stand-off range.

Viper Strikes are currently in use in support of the Global War on Terrorism and are perfectly suited for special operations missions in urban and mountainous areas day or night.

The AC-130 Systems Squadron at the ASC currently has three people working with the Air Force Special Operations Command on the program upgrade, preparing for potential future demonstration transition to the center.

Work will be performed at Northrop Grumman's Huntsville, Ala., facility.

The first phase of the contract is to demonstrate the use of Viper Strike from the gunship and is expected to be completed in December 2006.

The contract's second phase will test the military utility of the weapon system, and address the possibility of incorporating a data link and additional communications.

In an earlier news release, Dave Shrum, vice president of Northrop Grumman's Land Forces business unit said, "Viper Strike can add to AC-130 capability by providing a light-weight, low-collateral damage precision weapon at longer range."

Keep safety at forefront of mind

During a recent staff meeting, the 16th Special Operations Wing commander voiced his concern about the high-risk activity of riding bicycles on U.S. Highway 98, as well as other high-risk areas.

With that in mind, the following information is provided to assist you in choosing the safest and most practical place to ride.

Consider alternate locations for this activity and avoid Hwy. 98 day and night. The new road to the back gate should also be avoided, as

there is no paved shoulder or bicycle lane.

Also consider the following bicycling safety tips:

Avoid busy streets

One of the biggest mistakes people make when they start biking is to take the exact same routes they use while driving. It's usually better to take the streets with fewer and slower cars, only crossing the busiest streets rather than traveling on them.

Light up

Make sure to ride with headlights and taillights in the evening to night hours.

Special OPERATORS

*Congratulations to the following
technical sergeants who graduated
from Class 05-7 of the NCO
Academy at Tyndall Air Force Base,
Fla., Oct. 27:*

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Military

Rescinded order

Col. Norman Brozenick Jr., 16th Special Operations Wing commander, has rescinded the order issued Sept. 2, which restricted travel following Hurricane Katrina, has been lifted.

Members are still required to let commanders know where they are and how they can be reached.

Additionally, members should be mindful of and have some plans for potential fuel shortage issues and should adhere to a two-person policy when entering heavily affected areas.

USAFSOS courses

The U.S. Special Operations School invites all special operators to attend the Introduction to Special Operations Course Nov. 7 - 10.

This course provides military and civilian members with a joint understanding of special operation forces, to include structure, assets and capabilities. For more information on course content, call Master Sgt. Randy Kensey at 884-1881.

For reservations, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731, or visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/usafsos>.

The USAFSOS invites all special operators to attend the South-Central Asia Orientation Course Nov. 14-18. This course is designed for personnel preparing to live in or deploy to the South or Central Asia region.

For more information, call Joyce Weber at 884-4731 or Maj. Danny Weber at 884-1846 or visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou>.

Also, the USAFSOS invites personnel to attend the Asia-Pacific Orientation Course Nov. 14-18. This course is designed for personnel preparing to live in or deploy to the Asia-Pacific region or those with a professional or analytical interest in the region. For more information, call Maj. Jae Sim at 884-1858 or visit <https://www.hurlburt.af.mil/milonly/tenantunits/jsou>.

Community

Airmen's night out

16th Special Operations Wing Airmen, airmen to senior airmen, are invited to a special screening of "Black Hawk Down," 6 p.m. Tuesday in the base theater. Attire is casual. Admission is free, and there will be prize giveaways and static displays. Retired Master Sgt. Timothy Wilkinson will provide a real-life testimony and answer questions. See your first sergeant for tickets.



Photograph by 2nd Lieutenant Amy Gonzales

Batter up

Joe Townsend takes a whack at a beat-up car during the Commando Cruise-In Oct. 29. With a \$1 donation, people got to hit the car three times with a sledgehammer. The fund-raiser was sponsored by the 16th Services Squadron.

Traffic office

Effective Nov. 14, the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron personal property and passenger travel element's new walk-in customer service hours are 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Verbal orders will only be accepted for emergency short-notice travel. For more information about personal property, call 884-6051; for passenger travel, call 884-6619.

Club fees waived

Deployed Air Force Club members' dues should be waived by the base during deployment to a contingency location for 30 days or more where there's no Air Force Club, per *Air Force Instruction 34-272, para. 1.13.3*.

Airmen should ask their organizational commander or first sergeant to notify the club when members are being deployed. Members may also bring a copy of the orders to their customer service area of their clubs.

CCAF graduation

A Community College of the Air Force commencement ceremony will be at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in The Soundside. The education services office will be minimally manned 7:30 a.m. to noon to participate in the celebration. For more information, call 884-6724.

Powwow

The 18th annual Thunderbird Intertribal Powwow will be held Friday through Sunday at the Mullet Festival Grounds, located at the corner of U.S. Highway 85 and College Boulevard in Niceville. Children's day will kick off the weekend 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Exhibits, demonstrations, dancers, storytellers will entertain more than 3,000 children from local area schools.

The event is open to the public. Admissions donations range from \$1 to \$2 per person.

Quarterly awards

The Team Hurlburt quarterly awards breakfast for the third quarter

will be at 8 a.m. Thursday in The Soundside. See your first sergeant to register. For more information, e-mail 1st Lt. Nic Collins at nicholous.collins@hurlburt.af.mil.

Munch & Mend

The base chapel will hold Munch & Mend at 5 p.m. Nov. 14. Airmen can enjoy a free home-cooked meal, while having minor repairs done or stripes, patches or name tapes sewn on one clean uniform. For more information, call Bill White at 884-7371 or Jimmie Thomas at 315-4746.

Decal renewal

All personnel may update their 05-year vehicle decals for 07-year decals on a "first-come, first-served" basis. The two locations are: Pass and Registration, Building 90210 and Visitors Control Center, Building 90048. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Aldrich Jones at 884-5233.

Spouses' luncheon

A Hurlburt Spouses' Club luncheon will be at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 17 in The Soundside. Cost is \$10 for members, and \$12 for nonmembers. For more information or reservations, call Karin Heaton at 515-0371.

Thanksgiving buffet

The Soundside is taking reservations for the annual Members-Only Thanksgiving Buffet Nov. 24. Seating times are 11 a.m., noon, 1 and 2 p.m. Members-only pricing is \$15.95 for adults, \$8.50 for children ages 5-11 and free for children under 4-years old.

Advance payment and reservations are required. For more information, call The Soundside club at 884-7507.

Caring and Sharing

Be a Caring and Sharing volunteer in South Santa Rosa county. Volunteers are needed to transport donated items, sort food, assemble food boxes and more. For more information, call Debra Rasmussen at 883-1079 or 939-4756.

At the movies



Prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 6-years-old and up. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.

Hurlburt Field - 884-7648

Friday - Just Like Heaven (PG-13) A San Franciscan man falls in love with a female spirit he encounters in his home. The dilemma is that the woman whose ghost he's swooning over has been in a coma for months, and, unless he does something, she'll be taken off life support.

Saturday - Cry Wolf (PG-13) The Liar's Club has spread an online rumor that a serial killer called "The Wolf" committed a recent murder and is planning to strike again. The group's descriptions of "The Wolf's" intended victims are based on the people they know best - each other. When the described "victims" suddenly start to disappear, the group is no longer able to determine where the lies end and the truth begins.

Sunday - Roll Bounce (PG-13) X and his friends, who rule their local rink, are shocked when their home base goes out of business. Heading over to the Sweetwater Roller Rink, they find their modest talents are, at first, no competition for their trick skaters and pretty girls who follow their every move.

Eglin - 882-1066

Friday - Flightplan (PG-13) Flying at 40,000 feet in a cavernous, state-of-the-art E-474 aircraft, Kyle faces every mother's worst nightmare when her six-year-old daughter Julia vanishes without a trace mid-flight from Berlin to New York.

Saturday - Tim Burton's Corpse Bride (PG) Set in a 19th century European village, this stop-motion, animated feature follows the story of Victor, a young man who is whisked away to the underworld and wed to a mysterious Corpse Bride.

Sunday - Exorcism of Emily Rose (PG-13) In an extremely rare decision, the Catholic Church officially recognized the demonic possession of a 19-year-old college freshman.

(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)

Base chapel



Catholic Mass
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request
Youth: 5 p.m. Sunday
Religious Education:
September - May

Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)
11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)
Religious Education: August - May
Youth and Singles groups available
Jewish Services (882-2111)
Sabbath services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center
Muslim Services (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center
Jumuah: Friday, 12:45 p.m.
For more information, call 884-7795.

Airman Against Drunk Driving



For a free, confidential ride home, call AADD at 884-8844. Don't drink and drive.

24-hour Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline:

Hurlburt Field - 884-6322
Air Force - (800) 538-8429
Department of Defense - (800) 424-9098

Send all article ideas to commando@hurlburt.af.mil

Yard sale

The 16th Services Squadron is holding its annual yard sale at 7 a.m., Nov. 19 on the Soundside grounds. Tables may be rented to sell personal items. Cost is \$10 per six-foot table. For more information or to rent a table, call outdoor recreation at 884-6939.

Greeting card contest

The 16th Services Squadron announces the 2005 Greeting Card Contest. This annual greeting card contest is open to all Hurlburt Field squadrons. All greeting cards must have a holiday theme with no specific religious denominations. Winners will be announced at 4:30 p.m., Dec. 13 at the tree lighting ceremony.

Prizes totaling \$600 will be given away to the top three winners and three honorable mentions. Squadrons may pick up one sheet of plywood Nov. 1-12 at the wood hobby shop at the arts and crafts center, Building 90612. For more information, e-mail charles.lowrey@hurlburt.af.mil.

MyPay

MyPay is a Web-based program that puts individuals in control of their finances. By logging in using one's Social Security number and customized personal identification number, individuals have the ability to manage pay information, view and print leave and earnings statements and W-2s and much more. MyPay isn't limited to uniformed service members; retirees and civil service employees can view their pay also. To access myPay, visit <https://mypay.dfas.mil>.

For more information, email Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Cross at jeffrey.cross@hurlburt.af.mil.

Fall focus

The Protestant women of the base chapel will

host the Fall Focus Fellowship, noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Come enjoy lunch and fellowship with other Hurlburt Field women. Child care will be provided. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Rose at 689-0227.

Peas in a Pod

Join Hurlburt Field's first network of multiples at the first Peas in a Pod luncheon, noon today at the family support center. This group is for parents with or expecting twins, triplets, quadruplets or more. Come and share your experiences with others. For more information, call Candice Utigard at 884-3350.

Star Gaze

The base library hosts its annual Star Gaze 6:30 - 9 p.m. tonight at the Hurlburt Field picnic grounds. Venus, the Andromeda Galaxy and the Ring Nebula are a few of the items visible through the telescopes from the Escambia Amateur Astronomers Club. For more information, call 884-6266.

Travel changes

The on-line travel reservation module in Defense Travel System will be down until further notice for a system update. During this time, all airline, lodging and rental car reservations must be booked and ticketed by the Commercial Travel Office outside DTS, then manually entered. Enter the reservations expenses on the following screens in DTS:

Airlines – in the Travel module on the Other Trans. Screen.

Lodging – in the Additional Options module on the Per Diem Entitlements screen.

Rental Car (Commercial Auto) – in the Expenses module on the Non-Mileage screen.

Upon return from temporary duty, the member

should enter the actual airline, lodging and rental car costs manually using the same steps as above. Any questions should be directed to squadron/unit organizational defense travel administrators.

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree Program kicks off at 1 p.m. Nov. 14 in the base exchange. Look for more information at a later date.

Eglin spouses' club

The Eglin Officer's Spouses' Club luncheon will be at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 16 in the Eglin Officers Club Sanddollar Lounge. Child care will be provided. For reservations, call Eileen Workman at 314-9755.

Classes

Spouses to Teachers

Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support announced the continuance/expansion of the spouses to teachers program. This is a Department of Defense pilot project designed to assist spouses of active-duty and Reserve military members in becoming school teachers. A reimbursable stipend up to \$600 is available to spouses for teacher certification examinations only.

For more information, visit the program's website at www.spousestoteachers.com.

University of Oklahoma

The University of Oklahoma is offering two graduate programs at Hurlburt Field. On-site instruction and distance learning courses will earn students a master's degree in 18-24 months.

For more information, call 581-3000 or e-mail aphurlburt@ou.edu.

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Win determined in last four seconds, 19-18

16th OSS joins 16th CMS,
16th LRS 1 in first place

by Senior Airman Heidi Davis
16th SOW Public Affairs

The 16th Operations Support Squadron and the 16th Component Maintenance Squadron showed up Monday evening at the Aderholt Fitness Center football field for a game that would give the 16th CMS their first loss of the season, 19-18.

The game went back and forth until the last four seconds of the game.

The 16th CMS, who was ranked first before the start of the game, saw the skills of Ashton Mabry, 16th OSS, who intercepted a throw by the 16th CMS quarterback and ran the ball to the 16th OSS's one-yard line. After receiving a pass by Chad Moreau, 16th OSS quarterback, Mabry ran the ball in for the first touchdown of the game. The extra point attempt was unsuccessful.

"It was a team effort," said Mabry. "This game couldn't have been won by just one player."

The 16th CMS cycled through four downs unsuccessfully, and possession was given to the 16th OSS. Attempting to close the gap, John Holt, 16th CMS, intercepted the 16th OSS's first-down pass 3 inches off the ground and ran the ball in for a touchdown. The 16th CMS attempted the extra point, but came up short.

The teams had a cycle of incomplete downs, until the 16th CMS quarterback threw a pass to a teammate, who ran in the ball for a touchdown, 12-6.

The 16th OSS kicked off the second half with possession. Moreau threw a pass to Mabry, who ran the ball to within a few yards of the end zone. With a pass from Moreau to Ryan Petkac, 16th OSS, the score was tied, 12-12. Moreau threw a successful pass to Walter Dyle, 16th OSS, for the extra point.

"The difference in play came at the half," said Moreau. "We wanted to bicker about the first half, but instead, we came together and supported each other."

The intensity calmed down as both teams had a round of fruitless downs –

until the game came down to the last two minutes. After grabbing the return kick by the 16th CMS, Mabry grabbed the first down on the 20-yard line. Moreau threw a pass to Petkac, who ran the ball to the one-yard line.

With first and goal, Moreau threw a pass to Steve Moneer, 16th OSS, who threw a pass to Petkac, bringing the score to 18-12.

With four seconds left to play, the 16th CMS quarterback threw a long pass to a teammate, who then scored a touchdown. However, they came up short after an unsuccessful attempt at the extra point.

"We didn't get outplayed, we made our own mistakes," said John Pristell, 16th CMS rusher. "It was our first loss this season. It was a good wake-up call for us."

Other CMS players agree fundamentals weren't enacted, and their small mistakes added up.

Whatever the reason, the 16th OSS is now tied for first place with the 16th CMS and the 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

In the bleachers

Intramural cross country

The intramural cross-country season begins today and will include a total of five races. The course lengths range from two to six miles. The current schedule today, Nov. 18, Dec. 2 and 16 and Jan. 6. Teams must have at least five runners. If a squadron doesn't have enough runners for a team, interested participants will be placed in a runners' pool. Cross country is open to active-duty members and their dependents, Department of Defense civilian personnel and those on a temporary duty assignment here. For more information, call 884-6884.

Golf tournaments

The Stryder Cup Fall Classic Golf Tournament will be held at the Gator Lakes Golf Club today. Check-in begins at 11 a.m., with a shotgun start at noon. The entry fee is \$50 per person and includes green fees, a golf cart rental, goody bag and dinner. For dinner only, the cost is \$20 per person. For more information, call 881-2251.

Turkey Trot

The 24th Annual 5K Turkey Trot is Nov. 23 at the Aderholt Fitness Center. The race is open to all ages, and participants may run, walk or rollerblade. Check-in time is 7:30 a.m.; race begins at 8 a.m. For more information, call the Aderholt at 884-6884 or the Commando Fitness Center at 884-4412.

Kuk Sool Won proves physically, emotionally beneficial for children

by Staff Sgt. Gideon Juko
16th SOW Safety

The Aderholt Fitness Center offers Kuk Sool Won classes for ages 6 and up Monday, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays.

Martial arts builds self confidence and teaches discipline, which will provide a solid foundation from which children will develop strong character.

While studying martial arts is fun, children will be learning important lessons in values and respect that will shape how they view the world around them.

If the need arises, children can be secure in their knowledge of how to defend themselves from physical harm. Kuk Sool Won builds self-confidence. It's a physical and demanding form of exercise.

In addition to the structure provided at home, Kuk Sool Won provides children with discipline. This involves punctuality and following class rules and policy. It also concerns learning to respect themselves and others, which is an important goal that we strive to instill in our



Photograph by Senior Airman Heidi Davis
Ivy Donaldson, 7, daughter of Staff Sgt. Zachary and Kizzie Donaldson, 16th Special Operations Wing, performs a Kuk Sool Won defensive move during the youth class.

students. We also teach them to relax, regroup and give 100 percent effort every time.

Kuk Sool Won is a tool that can help your children in other sports, as well as keeping them in shape and healthy. For example, proper balance and hand-eye coordination are skills that are essential in sports such as baseball, football, gymnastics and soccer.

For more information, call 884-6884 or visit www.trikuksoolwon.com

Stay fit, stay safe: Be mindful of surroundings

Courtesy of the 16th MDG

All Hurlburt Field personnel are encouraged to keep safety at the forefront of their minds especially when participating in off-duty activities.

Not practicing safety precautions during fitness puts service members at risk and is detrimental to the Air Force mission.

Here are some good things to remember while performing physical training:

While walking, jogging or running

–Stretch before leaving to prevent muscle injuries

–Use the sidewalk and remember to face the traffic

–Watch ahead for hazards

–Don't compete with the traffic

–Always wear a reflective belt during hours of dawn, dusk and darkness

–Keep senses available. Earphones practically eliminate hearing

–Run with a wingman or near a public facility in case of emergency

–Maintain adequate distance from others, especially those moving in the opposite direction

While bicycling

–Maintain bicycles in good working order

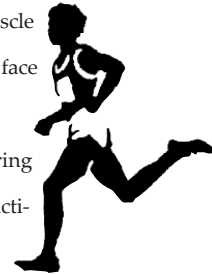
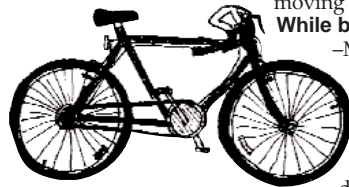
–Wear a helmet for protection from potential head injuries

–Wear a reflective belt during hours of darkness

–Be considerate of pedestrians and children

–Bike with a wingman or near a public facility in case of emergency

–Florida Bicycle Law 316.2065 states bicycles used between dawn and dusk shall be equipped with a front lamp visible from 500 feet, and a rear red light or reflector visible 600 feet to the rear



Flag football standings

Current as of Wednesday
National Conference

Team	W	L
823rd RHS	6	0
16 SVS	4	1
16 LRS 2	3	2
16 MDG	3	2
23 STS	3	3
16 HMXS	3	3
16 SFS16	3	3
16 CES 1	3	5
USCG	2	5
16 CES 2	0	0
16 MOS	0	6

American Conference

Team	W	L
16 CMS	6	1
16 LRS 1	6	1
16 OSS	6	1
16 AMXS	5	2
25 IOS	5	3
16 CS	4	3
MSS/AFSOC	4	3
16 EMS	4	4
4 SOS	2	6
AMMO	1	6
16 SOS	1	6
16 CPTS	0	8

For intramural sports information, call the Aderholt Fitness Center at 884-6884.